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The Honorable Colleen Hanabusa, President
and Members of the Senate
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 409
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Madam President and Members of the Senate:

Re: Senate Bill No. 1614 SD1 HD1 CD1

On July 10, 2007, Senate Bill No. 1614, entitled "A Bill for an Act Relating to Education" became law without my signature, pursuant to Section 16 of Article III of the Constitution of the State of Hawaii.

This bill appropriates \$1 million over the biennium period to the Department of Education to implement a human resources management model in the Waianae area complex.

It is important for schools to be able to recruit, train, and retain good teachers. However, it should be pointed out that the Department already has over \$12 million specifically allocated for teacher training and teacher retention. Over \$2.2 million is provided for teacher recruitment and \$5 million has been set aside for professional development, not counting funds imbedded in other administrative support programs.

The Waianae area should be commended for receiving a \$1 million grant from the U. S. Department of Education to implement teacher recruitment and retention systems targeted for their high school. This three-year grant still has two more years before the project is complete.

Thus, the funding in this bill duplicates resources already within the Department of Education budget and is premature. We would encourage the Waianae area complex to continue the work it has begun under the U. S. Department of Education grant and to provide a comprehensive post-project analysis that can be used by schools in that area, as well as elsewhere throughout the public education system to help identify, place, and retain high quality teachers.

For this reason, I allowed Senate Bill No. 1614 to become law as Act 268, effective July 10, 2007, without my signature.

Sincerely,

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